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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The *Dillsburg Banner* office is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. News releases of upcoming and recent events, such as births, weddings, anniversaries, meetings and so on, are welcome. Please give us a call at 432-4456 to have the event or drop off your press release at our office at 31 S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg. Press releases received by Monday will be in the next week's edition.

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**Letters to the Editor**

The Editor reserves the right to not necessarily represent the views of this paper. If you want to have your piece sent to your letter to the *Dillsburg Banner*, 31 S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, Pa. 17019.

Please include your name and phone number. Letters unsigned will not be printed.

**Dear Editor,**

Several letters related to the letter in the Feb. 22 edition from a member of Citizens' House, need to be clarified.

Monaghan Township Volunteer Fire Company is currently conducting a fund drive to replace our squad truck which was involved in an accident in Onondaga. This unit will include an air cascade system to refill self-contained breathing apparatus used by firefighters entering burning structures. Neither Citizens' House nor any other Dillsburg area fire company currently has this equipment. During the period that our squad truck is out of service a unit from Mechanicsburg is being called to any major fire in the Dillsburg area.

We do not normally solicit donations from residents outside our normal first response area. We make an exception to this policy for this special fund drive because of the special service that this unit will provide for the entire area. (Citizens' House has been routinely solicited for donations from Monaghan Township residents for regular operating expenses for many years.)

According to the Carroll Township supervisors we are the first fire company for a portion of Carroll Twp. We along with Citizens' House Co. and Franklinton Community Fire Co. have a contract with the supervisors to provide fire protection to Carroll Twp. residents.

Because of the various area fire companies it is essential in providing fire protection for our community. We look forward to continuing to serve area residents in cooperation with all the area fire companies.

Joseph Gibb (President)

**Dear Editor,**

An writing in rebuttal to the letter titled "Carroll Township and Dillsburg Borough residents beware" printed in the February 22nd edition of the *Banner*, I can understand why the individual did not name the person he was writing to. He was only "John Doe." My only hope is that this individual is not in a position of authority with the Citizens' House Co. of Dillsburg. If he is, then this kind of misleading is going to get someone "hot" or even "killed."

The individual stated that Dillsburg is first due at all fires in Dillsburg Borough and Carroll Township and that the other companies only come when Dillsburg calls them. Anyone who listens to a siren or pager knows that for a structure fire other companies are dispatched at the same time.

This individual stated that Dillsburg has two first-line engines, a rescue truck, a brush truck, a ladder truck and three ambulances. The letter also leads one to believe that Dillsburg can supply all services needed in case of a fire and the other companies are duplicating services. Once again, I feel, the writer was "blowing smoke." A few examples of this are:

1. During a recent structure fire in Dillsburg Borough, when an engine from Monaghan Township hooked up to a fire hydrant on Baltimore Street to supply water, no water came out of the hydrant. Tankers from Franklinton and Monaghan Township were used to supply the needed water until it became available from the hydrant system. The squad truck from Monaghan Township was used to refill the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles as needed for all companies involved in the incident. If this individual would have taken the time to look at their rescue truck, he/she would have seen that it does not have a cascade system which is required to refill air bottles. Franklinton and Monaghan Township were dispatched on the initial alarm.

2. At a trailer fire in Fox Oak Park, Mechanicsburg Fire Squad was called to refill air bottles, since Monaghan Township's squad was destroyed in an accident. Again, Franklinton and Monaghan Township were dispatched on the initial alarm.

3. At a recent fire on Oakbank Road, once again Franklinton and Monaghan Township were dispatched on the initial alarm. Due to no hydrant system in this area, additional tankers were called from Monaghan Township, Upper Allen Township, and Wellsville to help. The Mechanicsburg squad was called to refill air bottles.

The people of Dillsburg Borough and Carroll Township SHOULD NOT be led into a false sense of security by this individual's letter. Before they think that the Citizens House Company #1 of Dillsburg can handle all their fire needs by itself, they need to remember that most of Carroll Township does not have a hydrant system. Where is the water going to come from? Dillsburg does not have a tanker.

4. If SCBA are needed, where does the air to refill them come from? It is not Dillsburg.

5. What would happen when the alarm sounds if members of other companies said, "I'm just dispatching services provided by Dillsburg. I'm not going to respond," as the unknown writer wants us to believe?

As you can see, no one fire company is able to do this job by itself. Please consider these facts when deciding whether to donate to local fire companies. I take the responsibility and commitment of all the local companies working together to get the job done.

I am a member of the Monaghan Township Fire Company and the opinions stated here are mine. The facts stated here are just the FACTS.

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Cash Balance, 1/1/89: All funds \$ 134,175

**REVENUES - ALL FUNDS**

Local Taxes \$292,995

Licenses and Permits 400

Fines, Forfeits, Costs 9,203

Interest on Investments 113,456

Intergovernmental Revenue 41,426

Charges on Services 38,540

Miscellaneous 5,584

Total Revenue - All Funds \$508,696

Total Funds and Revenues \$642,831

**EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS**

Government Administration \$44,254

Public Safety \$76,887

Health and Welfare 36,333

Public Works 158,352

Culture & Recreation 9,786

Miscellaneous 1,628

Interfund Operating Transfers 23,000

Total Expenditures - All Funds \$400,438

Cash Balance, 12/31/89: All funds \$242,393

**BID NOTICE**

Sealed proposals will be received by the General Township Board of Supervisors of York County, 555 Chestnut Grove Road, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania 17019 until 4:00 p.m. on March 20, 1990 for the following:

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